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June 4th, 1915

W. K. Cameron, Esq.,

St. Thomas, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of President Falconer in Kingston I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter regarding the action of the University with reference to your son.

I find on inquiry that two notices were sent to your son and a letter from the Librarian regarding the fine due the Library, and that no answer being received by the Library, the Registrar's Office was notified to withhold results until the fine was paid. This is the regular custom, and the Registrar's Office does not know the amount due. A letter was sent to 55 Madison Avenue addressed to your son regarding the fine, and a member of the Fraternity telephoned the Registrar's Office and was told that unless the amount due the Library were paid results would be withheld. Late Thursday afternoon, when no report had come from the Library, the Assistant Registrar telephoned the Fraternity House and asked if nothing could be done. The fine was paid late Thursday afternoon, and the name was put into the Commencement List, a copy of which I enclose.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

June 7th, 1915

W. K. Cameron, Esq.,

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Dear Mr. Cameron:

The letter that you wrote with regard to the omission of the name of your son from the announcements came in my absence and my secretary wrote to you a letter explaining the omission. I think that this information will show that the ordinary rule was followed and that the Registrar's Office simply acted as usual, and in the immense amount of work that grows up at the end it might easily be overlooked. The Registrar does not know what the amount of the obligation is in any department. I regret exceedingly that this happened, but I think you will see that there was nothing personal in it, and that it was an incident in connection with the carrying out of the only method that we have for checking and having all obligations set before the degree is conferred. The fact, however, that the name was published in the Convocation lists and the degree was awarded is really the important result in such a matter as this.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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September 6th, 1914

Hon. J. R. Boyle,

Edmonton. Alta.

Dear Mr. Boyle:

I have just arrived in Toronto after a good deal of uncertainty and a strong possibility that we might not have been able to get passage on the steamer on which we eventually came. On my arrival I find that there are so many new problems occasioned by the war that it will be impossible for me to go to Alberta before the opening of the session. I have written to President Murray and President Mackenzie to find out from them what time would be most convenient for them. Is the matter as urgent now as it was in the spring? Or, can you give me any idea as to how late it would be possible for you to receive a report to be dealt with satisfactorily by our Government? I regret exceedingly to have been forced not to keep my engagement, but as you realise the war has upset all our plans.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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June 2, 1915.

R. A. Falconer, Esq.

President Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

I think it only fair to call your attention to the action of the University with reference to the graduation of my son, Hugh C. Cameron, who recently passed his Fourth year examination in Arts. He was taking an honor course but his name was omitted wholly from the list published of students who had passed their examinations. With the publication of the notice there was also published a statement that the students are requested not to communicate with the Registrar's office as a report had already been mailed to each of them whose names did not appear. You can well understand that the omission of a student's name from the list after four years hard work is something that causes considerable worry not only to the student himself but to others as well. No report of his examination was received here until Monday last, when it appears he passed with honors. Upon enquiry I find the reason his name ~~was~~ withheld was that there appeared to be a library fine of 25 cents standing against him. He assures me that he had no such notice of any such fine and it does appear to me that to withhold the boy's name and put him to all

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the worry and annoyance of believing that he had failed and depriving him of whatever benefit there might be in attending Convocation and taking his degree there on account of 25 cents, is carrying things just a little too far for a public institution and if this meets with the approval of the University authorities then all I can say that the German Army has got nothing on the Toronto University ^{either} ~~there~~ in brutality or hidebound nonsense.

Yours truly,



Mr. Laughton wrote two notices & a letter (April 26 + May 3) Fraternity men telephoned Mr. Jennell to know what the letter contained. letters sent to 55 Madison Ave re fine. ^{late Thursday afternoon} Mr. Jennell telephoned the Fraternity House & said unless Library fine were paid name would be withheld. It was paid Thursday afternoon & name was inserted in Programme, though it did not appear in newspapers.

Library say a member of the Fraternity sent the letter on to St. Thomas.